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APPLICANT: ROBERT S. HERRICK,) TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700
 SERIAL NO.: 08/951,690) GROUP ART UNIT
 FILED: October 16, 1997) 3738
 FOR: PUNCTUM PLUG HAVING A COLLAPSIBLE) EXAMINER
 FLARED SECTION AND METHOD) TRAM NGUYEN
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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
 Washington, D. C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This AMENDMENT is responsive to an Office Action dated October 6, 1998, which set a shortened statutory period for response to this action to three (3) months from the date thereof requiring a response to be filed on or before January 6, 1999.

Pursuant to a Petition under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a), concurrently filed herewith, together with the fee required under

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